

past generation **f**ashion has changed the behaviour of society by discouraging the use of alcoholic drinks. It has accomplished what legislation could hardly have attempted.

In cases where innovations appeal to strong elemental *impulses* or to the feelings of pleasure and pain, they may gain currency without the assistance of reverence or sympathy. Such institutions as polygamy and slavery need no endorsement but such as is given by human passion. We may believe that the use of intoxicants spread very rapidly. Trade appeals to the acquisitive impulse, and international commerce is of more ancient date than is commonly supposed. Twenty centuries before the commencement of our era merchants were tracking their way through the forests of Germany to bring amber from the Baltic to the Mediterranean, and the traffic in Cornish tin dates from almost as remote an antiquity. Indeed, the farther we look back into history the more surprise we do we experience at finding that in days which we picture as barbarous, there was peaceful communication between lands that are separated by the breadth of continents. In the spread of culture from one nation to another, trade may have been less effective than war, but may justly be compared to it. If a people is richly endowed with aesthetic impulses, artistic craftsmanship may develop with-

out artificial encouragement. During an epoch which is incalculably remote the cave dwellers of the Dordogne valley attained very remarkable skill in sketching from life ; and long before Rome or Athens were founded—even before Europe had learnt the use of iron—there were centres of handicraft manufacture in Germany and Scandinavia. at which stone and bronze were fashioned into arms and decorations with originality of